

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF BIRDS, 1977

The sequence and nomenclature follow that of *A Species List of British and Irish Birds* (1971), published by the British Trust for Ornithology.

**Rarities.** Details of the rarities have been submitted to B.B. Rarities Committee.

**Great Northern Diver** *Gavia immer*. The wintering bird was seen frequently until 16th February. One showing a lot of adult plumage was seen from 23rd October until late in December.

**Slavonian Grebe** *Podiceps auritus*. A single was seen on 16th March.

**Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis*. Recorded daily until the end of July. A single appeared on 20th and 22nd September.

**Manx Shearwater** *Puffinus puffinus*. One on 21st March was followed by good numbers calling during April and 70 counted on 28th April, c.200 on 28th May and 300 on 3rd June and 7th June while 80 per hour passed northwards most evenings from 10th to 24th June. A single on 30th August was the only other record.

**Gannet** *Sula bassana*. One on 16th February, three on 8th March, up to five during April and May, up to 28 during June and July while two adults were ashore on 20th July at North Light. Usually up to fourteen each day in August but 100 on 28th increasing to 400 on 1st September, 44 on 24th September, up to 15 during October and eight on 3rd November.

**Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*. One on 16th and 22nd March, five on 23rd, nine on 14th April, ten on 15th, eleven on 7th May, seven on 12th, six on 9th June, two on 17th, seven on 7th August, fourteen on 23rd, fourteen on 7th September, a peak of twenty-three on 23rd October and six on 9th December.

**Shag** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*. Present in good numbers as usual but diminishing during July and subsequently.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*. Singles on 28th July, 23rd to 26th August, 2nd September, 28th and 29th September and each day in October.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*. One drake from 24th to 27th May and single on 18th August and from 25th August until 19th September.

**Teal** *Anas crecca*. Two on 4th January, one on 16th January, fifteen on 18th August, a single staying until 24th, one on 5th Sept., three on 20th, two on 24th September, singles 3rd November and 4th December, seven on 8th and one on 19th December.

**Wigeon** *Anas penelope*. A drake on 2nd to 4th April, one from 19th to 21st September and one on 3rd October.

**Pintail** *Anas acuta*. One duck on 19th September.

**Common Scoter** *Melanitta nigra*. A single on 17th September.

**Shelduck** *Tadorna tadorna*. Three on 24th April.

**White fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons*. Eleven grey geese flying NW on 25th March were possibly this species.

**Barnacle Goose** *Branta leucopsis*. Three on 21st November.

**Swan sp., Whooper or Bewick's** *Cygnus cygnus* or *Cygnus bewickii*. Two on 6th March.

**Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*. One appeared on 6th December and stayed until the end of the year.

**Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*. Singles were seen on 22nd February, 11th March, 15th August and 11th to 16th September.

**Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis*. One immature female from 1st to 4th May.  
**Montagu's Harrier** *Circus pygargus*. A male stayed from 27th April until 2nd May.

**Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*. One appeared on 16th May.

**Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*. Frequently one or two with three on 14th April and 19th September.

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*. One on 5th April, two from 8th to 12th April, singles 19th September and during October and until 4th November.

**Red-footed Falcon** *Falco vespertinus*. An adult male was seen on 1st and 2nd June.

**Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*. Seen regularly all year, usually up to three but six were seen in August and September.

**Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus*. Singles 20th and 25th January, 17th February, 15th, 16th, 20th March, 27th October to 4th November but two on 28th October.

**Corncrake** *Crex crex*. One on 8th April.

**Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*. One only on 10th and 11th May.

**Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*. Well recorded from 1st January until 18th March and from 1st April to 30th September.

**Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*. Up to twenty-three during January, 35 during February, 40 in March, breeding was estimated as 20 to 25 pairs, up to 60 in August, September and October but only up to seven in December.

**Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*. One on 15th May increased to three by 24th May. Singles on 6th, 10th and 28th August and up to six from 3rd to 29th September.

**Golden Plover** *Pluvialis apricaria*. Up to twenty during January, one on 23rd and 24th February, five on 28th, up to fourteen during March, singles 3rd and 5th April, eight of northern race 28th to 30th April, nine northern 10th and 11th May, four northern 4th June. In autumn singles from 7th August increasing to six during September, up to three during October and five on 5th December.

**Dotterel** *Eudromias morinellus*. One on 29th September.

**Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*. Three on 9th January, one on 21st, two on 28th, one on 20th February, four on 3rd April and two on 24th, one on 19th August, three on 28th, one 29th August, three on 3rd September falling to singles on 14th September and 26th October.

**Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*. Up to seventeen in January, up to fifteen in February, eight in March, three in April, singles 1st and 4th May. Twelve appeared on 28th July, eleven in August, sixteen in September, five in October, nine in November and six in December.

**Jack Snipe** *Lymnocyptes minimus*. Singles on 2nd, 20th and 28th January, two on 14th February and 7th March, singles on 23rd April and 19th to 26th September, 15th October and 9th December.

**Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*. Two on 2nd January, one 22nd and 23rd January, singles during February, 4th March, 13th April, 18th to 31st October and 2nd to 4th November, up to three from 26th November to end of December.

**Curlew** *Numenius arquata*. Up to fifteen during January, twelve in February, four in March, three in April, two in May until 6th June and up to eighteen from 22nd June with 40 in July and August, up to 26 in September, eleven in October and last one on 2nd November.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*. First arrival on 16th April rising to eighteen on 29th April and up to five in May. Singles from 26th June occasionally until 35 were counted on 29th August, twenty on 5th September but only a few until 16th September.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*. Singles 13th and 28th July, two 31st July and 1st August, three on 18th August, one on 22nd August but none until the last one on 24th September.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*. One on 29th July and one from 14th to 25th August.

**Common Sandpiper** *Tringa hypoleucos*. Two on 29th March followed by singles 21st to 27th April, one from 4th to 7th May. Autumn singles 26th July and 13th August, two on 8th September and singles on 15th, 20th and 25th September.

**Redshank** *Tringa totanus*. Singles in spring on 12th March and 27th May. First autumn two on 28th July and one from 21st to 23rd August.

**Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*. One 11th and 12th May, one 13th to 16th July, one on 22nd August and one on 24th September.

**Purple Sandpiper** *Calidris maritima*. Three on 23rd January with single on 26th January, two on 13th February, three on 3rd April, one staying until 16th April. An autumn single on 13th September.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*. One in autumn stayed from 14th to 24th September.

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*. No large scale movements. Singles on 4th, 28th and 29th April, up to eight in May, 8th June, two and one on 28th July with up to three in August and September.

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*. One on 19th September.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*. A few more than during the year before. Four in spring on 15th May. One on 26th August followed by eight on 29th and one on 7th September.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** *Tryngites subruficolis*. Two from 5th to 11th September and a different one on from 15th to 25th September was trapped on 17th September.

**Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*. One on 29th July, three on 26th August, one on 23rd September, three on 24th, two on 25th September.

**Great Black-backed Gull** *Larus marinus*. Present as usual with no large scale movements.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*. The first two appeared on 14th February followed by daily records with numbers diminished in July but 80 on 30th September, 140 on 1st October, 60 on 2nd and last on 6th October.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*. Recorded all year. No breeding census but numbers diminished in July.

**Common Gull** *Larus canus*. An adult was seen on 6th June and singles on 7th August and 7th December.

**Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*. Singles on 2nd and 17th January, 22nd February, 29th and 30th April, and 1st May. Two on 22nd and 26th May, one on 25th June, up to five in July, seven on 1st August, one on 19th, one from 17th to 22nd September, one 25th to 29th October.

**Kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla*. Recorded daily from January to June with 2,000 in one feeding group on 8th March. A gradual decline in numbers during July but was occasionally seen offshore in September.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*. Two on 27th July.

**Bridled Tern** *Sterna anaethetus*. The wing of one was found some way below the top of the cliff on the Long Roost on 22nd April by Paul Sterry and Andrew Cleave and was identified independently by Peter Roberts of Bardsey and Peter Grant, Chairman of B.B. Rarities Committee who checked it with specimens at British Museum. Tring. The record has been submitted to the Committee for acceptance.

#### Rarity Details

**Bridled Tern** *Sterna anaethetus*. The Bridled Tern wing was sent to me via Peter Roberts. He had provisionally identified it as a Bridled Tern but did not tell me of his suspicions and so we both arrived at the same conclusion independently.

It was a complete wing in good condition and its structure clearly indicated a tern. The upperside was wholly sooty brown, darker on the secondaries and primaries and the underside was mainly whitish. Clearly it was not one of the familiar European species and this coloration left only two possibilities, Sooty or Bridled Tern. The wing length was too short for Sooty but fell within the range given for Bridled in the Handbook. In December I visited the British Museum at Tring and was able to compare the wing with skins of many species: it fitted Bridled Tern precisely in plumage and structure. The closest alternative was Sooty Tern which, however, was too large and had much blacker wings. It had remnants, mostly worn off, of a few pale tips on the inner greater (tertia) coverts indicating first year plumage and the worn and faded state of the feathers suggested that the bird was hatched about eight to twelve months before it died.

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**Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis*. One on 31st March, one on 13th April, four on 11th April, one on 16th April, two on 24th July and one on 6th August.

**Razorbill** *Alca torda*. Regular from 20th February but less in July and one on 10th August.

**Guillemot** *Uria aalge*. Varying numbers offshore in January and February, regular from March but less in July and one on 10th August.

**Puffin** *Fratercula arctica*. Four on 3rd April, then regular with 22 on 17th April, less in July and singles on 5th and 10th August.

**Stock Dove** *Columba oenas*. Four or five 23rd to 25th February, up to four 21st to 30th March, one on 1st May and one on 28th October.

**Wood Pigeon** *Columba palumbus*. One on 30th January, eight on 11th February, up to eight during March, April and May, five or six breeding pairs, present in August and September and a single on 15th October, 60 on 26th November and up to seven in December.

**Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia turtur*. The first two on 6th May were followed by up to four regularly until 4th June. One on 2nd July, two on 12th and 13th, one on 28th July, singles on five days in August, one or two in September until the last one on 25th September.

**Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*. Singles on 5th and 16th March, up to three 21st to 23rd March, up to twelve frequent in April rising to a peak of 50 on 25th May, 22 on 1st June, 18 on 2nd, 14 on 3rd June, up to six until three on 12th September and the last one on 23rd September.

**Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*. The first on 16th April was followed by two frequently until four occasionally in June and up to three regular in July and up to three locally bred juveniles in August with the last one on 28th August.

**Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*. Singles on 10th April, 9th to 11th October, 4th and 26th November.

**Swift** *Apus apus*. A very early single was watched for five minutes on 9th March above quarter wall, another on 12th March but no more until three on 28th April but then regular with 40 on 13th May, 80 on 14th, 45 on 23rd May, up to 40 in June, 30 on 3rd July, 140 on 1st August, 60 on 11th August, eight on 3rd September and five late on 22nd September.

**Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*. One from 16th to 22nd April and another on 24th May.

**Woodlark** *Lullula arborea*. One on 18th April.

**Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*. Present all year, 40 passing south on 20th October, 120 south on 26th and 80 south on 4th November.

**Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*. The first three were early on 20th March, five on 24th and 29th March, rushes of 150 on 14th April, 350 on 16th, 300 on 17th, 145 on 27th, 400 on 30th April, 300 on 1st May, 250 on 12th, 300 on 14th May, 50 on 8th June, up to ten during July, up to 14 in August but the main autumn run was in September with 140 on 3rd, 500 on 7th, 750 on 8th, 800 on 13th and 14th, 450 on 19th. 140 counted on 1st October, 100 on 6th, 40 on 25th and the last one on 2nd November.

**House Martin** *Delichon urbica*. Singles on 4th and 13th April and then up to 25 with two runs of 80 on 14th and 27th May, up to twelve in June, up to six in July, up to nine in August, 40 on 14th September, twenty on 2nd October, eighteen on 9th and last four on 26th October.

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*. Four appeared on 23rd March and up to four were regular in April with peaks of 100 on 6th, 110 on 15th, 100 on 17th, 45 on 30th April, 65 on 1st May, 30 on 14th May but not more than ten in June and none until 21st July but 350 passed on 27th July, 100 on 26th, 45 on 31st July, 30 on 1st August, 80 on 30th, 200 on 2nd, 9th, 13th, 14th September and the last two on 2nd October.

**Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus*. A male on 16th and 17th May and another on 24th May.

**Raven** *Corvus corax*. Recorded all year and six pairs breeding in April.

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone*. Recorded all year but no large scale movements.

**Hooded Crow** *Corvus c. cornix*. One on 23rd, 26th and 27th February and one 2nd to 7th March.

**Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*. Up to 25 in January and fifteen to eighteen in February, 30 on 30th March and up to 30 during April, up to four in May until the last one was seen on 14th May.

**Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula*. Up to four in January, two or three in February, singles until 30 on 29th March, 25 on April 1st, twelve on 3rd April, then up to nine until twenty on 24th and 25th May, six on 2nd June, three on 18th September, and one on 18th November.

**Great Tit** *Parus major*. One from 1st November until the end of the year.

**Blue Tit** *Parus caeruleus*. Two seen on 1st September and two from 7th October until the end of the year.

**Coal Tit** *Parus ater*. One on 28th and 29th October.

**Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris*. Singles on 6th and 7th August and 21st 22nd October.

**Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*. Present all year.

**Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*. Singles in January until two on 26th January, singles 24th and 25th February, 24th March, 11th July, two on 30th August, singles 2nd September, 21st and 26th October, three 26th November and two frequent until 21st December.

**Fieldfare** *Turdus pilaris*. 40 on 2nd January followed by up to sixteen, then up to 22 in February but 120 on 23rd and 34 on 24th February. Not more than seven in March and last five on 19th April. In autumn singles recorded from 14th September, nine on 10th October, 45 on 26th October, fifteen on 25th November, 30 on 28th, 40 on 7th December, but not more than seven subsequently.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos*. Up to thirteen in January and February, up to five in March and until 22nd April. Singles appeared again on 13th and 23rd July, two or three in August, singles on 2nd and 21st September, 1st and 2nd October, ten on 9th, 60 on 26th October and up to ten in November and December.

**Redwing** *Turdus iliacus*. Up to 40 in January and February with last one on 16th March. The first two autumn birds on 2nd October, autumn numbers generally small but 250 on 26th October. Up to 30 birds present in November and December with an influx of about 120 on 26th November.

**Ring Ouzel** *Turdus torquatus*. One on 6th March, two on 30th March, up to four from 9th to 19th April, two on 1st May and singles on 5th and 24th May. The first autumn bird came on 8th September, singles on four days then three on 23rd, six on 24th September, up to three during October and the last one on 3rd November.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula*. Recorded daily from January until the end of September and then peaks of 120 on 15th October, 60 on 16th and 400 on 26th October.

**Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*. First one on 7th March, three on 8th then up to eight in March and up to 25 in April, 25 including 12 of Greenland race on 2nd May, 20 with five Greenland on 6th May, 18 with four Greenland on 7th May, 15 with four Greenland on 12th May. Three pairs bred in June. Up to 14 in July, up to 50 in August, 75 on 18th August, 100 on 5th September, 200 on 7th, 150 on 8th, up to 50 from 9th to 30th September, up to 15 to 9th October and last one on 28th October.

**Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata*. One on 14th February, three on 23rd increased to 42 on 26th February, up to eight in March, singles 2nd, 5th, 8th April, 7th and 25th May, two on 29th August, up to three 14th to 28th September rising to 15 on 7th October, nine on 8th and up to four until 24th October.

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra*. First migrant on 11th April, another on 29th April, two seen five times in May and three on 15th, singles 1st June, 13th and 14th July, up to nine during August, up to four during September, singles until 28th October but two on 15th.

**Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*. Singles on 16th and 26th April, two on 28th, one 29th and 30th April, singles on 2nd and 23rd May. In autumn, one on 10th August, two on 13th, singles 19th to 31st August with four on 23rd August and two 28th August, usually up to five during September but 20 on 19th, two on 3rd and 7th October.

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*. One on 23rd March, three on 24th March, two on 18th April, one 30th April and one on 2nd May. First in autumn on 14th October, up to four between 17th October and 2nd November and last one on 29th November.

**Nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos*. One on 29th and 30th April.

**Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*. Present all year as usual and no autumn influx.

**Grasshopper Warbler** *Locustella naevia*. The first one on 16th April was followed by four singles and then six on 28th April, two on 29th, four on 30th April and 4th May, then up to two or three until 18th May. In autumn five on 6th August and one on 1st September were the only records.

**Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*. One only on 9th June.

**Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*. First two on 29th April, five on 30th April, seven on 2nd May, 17 on 14th May, up to six until 29th May, singles on 12th and 26th June. First three in autumn on 6th August then up to ten until 28th August, one 5th and 6th September and one on 19th September, up to ten regular in October and last four on 1st November.

**Icterine Warbler** *Hippolais icterina*. One on 14th September.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*. One on 5th April, two on 13th, 20 on 16th April up to five and then eight on 6th May, last for spring on 18th May. First in autumn on 14th September, two 19th and 20th, eight on 21st, up to five until 25th September, up to ten during October, last four on 1st November.

**Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin*. First four on 13th May, two on 16th, singles on 20th and 24th May. First three in autumn on 18th August, one 19th, four 23rd, one 26th, two 28th August, two 2nd September, one 8th then up to seven until 24th September, up to five from 4th to 23rd October when the last two were seen.

**Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*. Singles on 15th and 26th April, eight on 28th April, up to ten frequent in May, eight on 3rd June, usually six until 25th July, up to eight in August and September with a peak of 40 on 7th and 50 on 8th September, last one on 29th September.

**Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca*. Singles on 11th, 12th, 14th May, one on 12th June, one in autumn on 11th September.

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*. The first eight on 3rd April, increased to 300 on 10th, 500 on 16th, 200 on 30th April and fell to 50 on 1st May and down to one on 27th May with singles on 1st and 7th June. First return one on 24th July increasing to 350 on 6th August, 180 on 18th August, 80 on 5th and 8th September falling to the last singles on 24th, 26th and 27th September.

**Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*. Singles on 20th February and 5th March increased to about 30 during March and perhaps 350 on 10th April, a few in May and two in June and one or two until 16th July and one on 29th August, up to ten in September, up to eight in October, two on 3rd November and one staying until the end of the year.

**Willow Warbler/Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus trochilus/collybita*. During the large movement in the spring many could not be assigned including 515 on 16th April and 62 on 1st May.

**Wood Warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*. Singles in autumn on 13th, 18th, 31st August and 15th September with two on 19th September.

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus*. Up to three in January and February, up to 20 during March and early April and one or two until 20th May. A single appeared on 1st August, up to 20 during September, up to 40 in October, up to eight in November and usually six during December.

**Firecrest** *Regulus ignicapillus*. One or two from 9th February to 20th March. One in autumn on 4th October and one from 10th December increased to two at the end of the year.

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*. A sudden first arrival of 31 on 30th April was followed by up to 20 during May, up to eight in June and three on 2nd July, singles 4th and 31st July, up to 40 in August with 100 on 23rd, 50 on 8th September, down to four on 28th, one on 3rd October, two on 10th and last one on 26th October.

**Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*. Spring singles on 28th April, 1st May and 6th June. Up to eight from 12th August and during September but 20 on 8th September, one or two on seven days in October and the last one on 1st and 2nd November.

**Dunnock** *Prunella modularis*. Recorded all year.

**Richard's Pipit** *Anthus novaezealandiae*. Two heard calling on 26th October were considered to be this species, but possibly only.

**Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*. Recorded all year, high moving numbers being 30 north on 22nd February, 40 on 26th February, 150 on 18th March, 50 on 19th, 120 on 5th April, 200 north on 15th April, 500 south on 16th April, more than 100 on 27th April, 400 on 19th September, 180 on 21st September, 50 south on 14th October, 120 on 23rd, 40 on 26th October.

**Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis*. First one on 16th April increasing to six on 28th, three in early May, singles to 19th May. First one for autumn on 14th August, eight on 18th, up to three on 21st to 31st August, up to six during September until 27th.

**Rock Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta*. Recorded all year, some evidence of movement in October.

**Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla alba yarrellii*. Two or three in late February, up to 18 in March, up to seven in April and four pairs bred. No movement in autumn.

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba alba*. First two on 15th April, five on 27th, four on 29th, two on 13th and 21st May. Large numbers in autumn, principal being 35 on 3rd September, 200 on 7th and 8th, 100 on 12th, 50 on 17th, 40 on 19th, 20 on 26th, last three on 2nd October.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*. Up to three during March, one or two 13th to 16th April, occasional 14th to 19th May. In autumn, one on 31st August, one or two usually between 11th September and 27th October.

**Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*. One on 23rd April, a Blue-headed on 26th, up to six but down to four on 2nd May, three on 14th, singles until 28th May. In autumn, two on 29th August then usually up to six but 50 on 8th September, last two on 8th October.

**Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator*. An adult was trapped on 12th July.

**Red-backed Shrike** *Lanius collurio*. One on 11th September and one very late on 28th October.

**Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*. Present all year, movements being 2,000 north on 12th January, 400 on 9th October, 1,800 on 26th October, 800 on 28th, 300 on 4th November, 1,200 on 26th and 400 on 27th November.

**Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris*. One on 2nd and 3rd January, one or two during April, up to eight until 17th May, one 25th May, one from 12th to 16th June, two 12th and 13th July, two on 11th September, frequent in October with eight on 9th, 20 on 29th, 100 on 4th November, 30 on 30th November and up to twelve during December.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*. One 6th to 9th January, two 8th March, one or two 25th to 28th March, up to 15 in April, up to 17 in May then up to five until 27th June. In autumn first on 3rd October increased to twelve during the month and at least one during December.

**Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*. First one on 21st September and then five on 20th October increasing to 80 on 23rd October, up to 40 in November and still twelve in December.

**Linnet** *Acanthis cannabina*. Singles 2nd, 3rd, 26th January, two on 20th March increased to twelve by 30th, 40 on 5th April, 150 on 16th up to 250 later in April. Recorded daily in October with up to 50, four in November and one in December.

**Redpoll** *Acanthis flammea*. Singles on 14th and 19th May. three on 2nd November, two on 4th November.

**Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*. Two on 7th and 23rd March, one on 5th and 13th April, two on 15th, six on 16th, one on 17th April and one on 17th May.

**Scarlet Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*. Singles on 11th and 27th September.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*. Recorded daily. An influx took place in October with 80 on 7th, 300 on 12th, 450 on 20th, 900 on 26th, 4,000 on 27th October, still 600 on 4th November and 300 on 26th November.

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*. One on 9th and two on 10th April. An autumn influx in October when six on 15th increased to 140 on 27th and 80 on 29th but not more than fifteen during November.

**Yellowhammer** *Emberiza citrinella*. One appeared on 2nd March and one or two were frequent from 24th March until 1st May and one 20th and 23rd May, one was seen seventeen times in June and July, one on 23rd August, one on 2nd November.

**Ortolan Bunting** *Emberiza hortulana*. Two on 13th September and one on 14th.

**Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*. Two on 29th March, four on 3rd April, one 15th April, one or two 15th to 20th May. A single in autumn on 19th October.

**Lapland Bunting** *Calcarius lapponicus*. Singles on 31st August, 3rd October, 5th October, two on 6th, three on 7th, two on 8th, one on 9th, 11th, 16th, two 23rd, one 25th, two 27th to 29th October.

**Snow Bunting** *Plectrophenax nivalis*. Singles 14th and 26th February, 11th April, 1st May. In autumn four on 7th September, one 12th October, five on 23rd, one 26th October, 20 on 26th November, four until 30th November and one on 1st December.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*. Present every day and 45 counted on 29th August.

**Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*. One on 2nd and 3rd January, one on 1st June and three 24th and 25th June.

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**Red-headed Bunting** *Emberiza bruniceps*. As in many years a male appeared this year from 20th to 23rd May.

**Ring-necked Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri*. A female or immature was found freshly dead on 3rd December.

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#### RINGING TOTALS, 1977

Manx Shearwater	1	Blackcap	7
Sparrowhawk	2	Garden Warbler	4
Lapwing	3	Whitethroat	17
Snipe	1	Lesser Whitethroat	1
Dunlin	1	Willow Warbler	148
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	Chiffchaff	20
Collared Dove	3	Wood Warbler	2
Skylark	7	Goldcrest	12